

II. Remarks

Claims 1-7 have been canceled herein and new claims 8-14 have been added. These new claims are based on original claims 1-7, but seek to present more clearly a generic claim, i.e., independent claim 8, to all species and to more clearly recite the invention.

Applicant provisionally elects Species I of Figs. 1 and 1A, and pending claims 8, 9 and 12, in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action.

Notwithstanding the Action's position that the claims 1-7 lacked a generic claim, new claim 8 herein is believed to be a generic claim. Claim 8 recites basically, the power source, the electromagnetic device on the boot, the electromagnetic material on the snowboard or ski, and the transmitter. It is the dependent claims which basically recite the details of the power source and the transmitter. For example, dependent claim 9 recites the transmitter as including a manual switch operated by the user to deactivate/activate electromagnetic forces between the electromagnetic device and the electromagnetic material to thereby connect/disconnect the boot relative to the snowboard or ski. Dependent claim 12 further defines the details of the physical connections between the manual switch and the electromagnetic device. Dependent claims 10 and 13 recite the transmitter as a voice recognition system, instead of a physical connection. Dependent claims 11 and 14 add a switch-transmitter in the glove(s) of the user which can be used, separately from the voice recognition system of dependent claims 10 and 13, to operate the electromagnetic devices. Thus, independent claim 8 is common to all the dependent claims and therefore is generic.

III. Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-14 are now in condition for allowance.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Response, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone conference with the Examiner to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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